

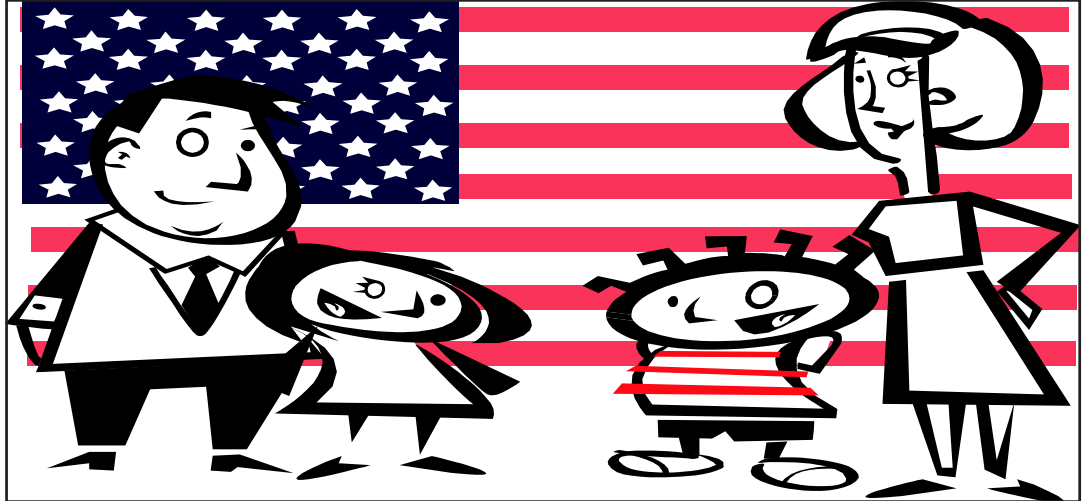
DoD encourages overseas citizens, military personnel to vote

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

In 2006, U.S. citizens will elect 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, 37 state governors, and hundreds of state and local officials.

Overseas voters and military personnel have a variety of means that will enable them to participate in the 2006 elections starting with the primaries beginning in March and through the general election on Nov. 7, 2006. U.S. citizens can register to vote and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which has been redesigned for 2006, allowing them to provide more information to their local election official as well as providing greater security for their personal information.

The form is available from their unit or installation voting assistance officer, U.S. embassies and consular offices, as well as from many local civic and overseas groups. It also is available electronically



on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site at www.fvap.gov.

Once completed, U.S. citizens can send the FPCA to their local election official in the jurisdiction of their legal voting residence. The local election official will then be responsible for sending an absentee ballot to the requestor. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to register to vote as soon as possible

to ensure compliance with varying state registration deadlines. The FVAP Web site contains a great deal of useful information, including an updated, electronic copy of the "2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide."

For more information contact the unit or installation vot-

ing assistance officer or the nearest U.S. embassy or consular office. Voters may also contact FVAP staff directly by e-mail at vote@fvap.ncr.gov or by telephone on one of the many toll-free international phone numbers, available on the Web site. FVAP office hours are 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. EST.



Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Advancement — BMC(SW) Tommy Lowery congratulates Boatswain's mate Chief Select Dexter Williams on Friday, Aug. 4. Three of the four Chief Selectees, from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, came from Port Services Department.

Congratulations to the followed Navy Chief Petty Officer Selectees

NAVSTA

ND1(DSW) Nicholas Luoto
GM1(SW) Joshua Tolleson
HT1 (SW) Christopher Wills
BM1(SW/AW/FMF) Dexter Williams

Naval Hospital

HM1 Jessie Karstedt

JTF

DC1(SW) Tim Chrockrem
PS1 Bill Randall
HM1 Don Jeffers

GSM1(SW) Garrion Street
CTI1(FMF) Andrew Meyer

MA1(SW) James Henley
AE1(AW/SW) Jim McDonald
MA1(SW/AW) Jerry Tullos
MA1(AW/SW) Patrick Otis
MC1 Tim Duckworth

